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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Communication mailed January 10, 2003 in the above-referenced application. This reply is mailed within one month of the mailing date of the Office Communication, making it timely filed on or before February 10, 2003.

The Office Communication indicated that the amendment mailed October 18, 2002 did not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 because it removes the word "culturing" from claim 13, without indicating its removal in the marked-up version of the claim. Applicants did not intend to delete the word "culturing" from claim 13, and omission of this word was unintentional.

As per the Examiner's instruction, the amendment mailed October 18, 2002 is re-submitted herewith.

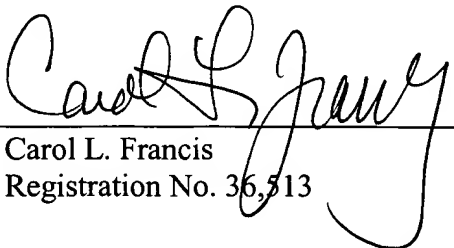
Applicants request entry of the amendment resubmitted herewith.

Applicants further request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement mailed October 18, 2002.

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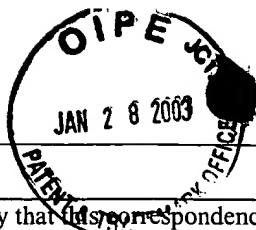
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This is to request the Examiner's approval of a proposal to change Figs. 1A, 1B, 1C, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D. The changes have been proposed in order to delete textual material from the figures and to change reference numerals, lead lines where appropriate, and add sequence identifiers as indicated in red ink on the enclosed copies of the figures. Approval of this proposal is respectfully requested in the next Official Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the issue fee in this case.

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